

CADDO INDIAN TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA	:	Order Docketing and Dismissing
and RICK MOORE, ESQ.,	:	Appeal
Appellants	:	
	:	
v.	:	
	:	Docket No. IBIA 93-3-A
ACTING ANADARKO AREA DIRECTOR,	:	
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,	:	
Appellee	:	October 13, 1992

This is an appeal from a September 9, 1992, decision of the Acting Anadarko Area Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, disapproving a general counsel contract between the Caddo Indian Tribe of Oklahoma and Rick Moore, Esq., Chickasha, Oklahoma.

The appeal is docketed under the case name and number shown above. The Board finds, however, that the appeal must be dismissed.

In Welch v. Minneapolis Area Director, 17 IBIA 56 (1989), the Board held that Bureau of Indian Affairs Area Directors' decisions approving, disapproving, or conditionally approving tribal attorney contracts are final for the Department of the Interior and that the Board therefore lacks jurisdiction over appeals from those decisions. The Board reached its conclusions after a thorough analysis of the regulations governing approval of tribal attorney contracts, in particular 25 CFR 88.1(c), and the history of those regulations.

In light of Welch, and pursuant to the authority delegated to the Board of Indian Appeals by the Secretary of the Interior, 43 CFR 4.1, this appeal is dismissed for lack of jurisdiction.

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Anita Vogt  
Administrative Judge

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Kathryn A. Lynn  
Chief Administrative Judge